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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

In re: PATENT APPLICATION of:

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Examiner: Lee, R. A.

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: March 4, 2003

Sir:

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER RULE 114**

Please continue the examination of this application.

**PREREQUISITES**This application was filed on/after June 8, 1995, is not abandoned, and no court action has been filed, or if filed, it has been terminated.An issue fee **has not been** paid (unless a petition under Rule 313(c)(2) is also being filed -- see item 4 below).**Prosecution has been closed as defined in Rule 114(b).****Reply to any outstanding action must be enclosed or previously filed.**

This application is entitled under Rule 114 to withdrawal of any outstanding finality or of any allowance plus a new action by the Examiner. Consideration on the merits of each submission (e.g., IDS, Amendment, new arguments, new evidence, but not appeal/reply briefs themselves) filed herewith is respectfully requested.

**Please consider** the following before the next Official Action:

1. Please ☒ enter ☐ do not enter the Amendment filed
2. ☒ The enclosed new Amendment
3. ☐ Consider the arguments in the appeal brief filed \_\_\_\_\_ and reply brief filed \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ The issue fee has been paid, but this RCE is based on Rule 313(c)(2). See enclosed petition.
5. ☐ The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement
 

<input type="checkbox"/> IDS Letter	<input type="checkbox"/> Cited Appln	<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Search Report/OA
<input type="checkbox"/> PTO-1449		<input type="checkbox"/> Cited Documents
6. ☐ Please suspend action under Rule 103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months (3 mos. Max) for which charge the required \$130 fee (fee code 098) to our Deposit Account (see below).
7. Petition is hereby made to extend the **original** due date of February 4, 2003 to \_\_\_\_\_ (1 mo) \$110/\$55  
cover the date this Request is filed. **PLEASE CHARGE** the requisite fee to our \_\_\_\_\_ (2 mos) \$410/\$205 +  
Deposit Account (see below) \_\_\_\_\_ (3 mos) \$930/\$465
8. **PLEASE CHARGE** the Rule 17(e) (RCE) filing fee of ☒ \$750 (lg. ent.) ☐ \$375 (sm. ent.) plus any deficiency and any other fee due now or later to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 021123 / 0258030

**NOTE: Rule 17(e) filing fee Cannot be deferred!**  
**NO CLAIMS FEE REQUIRED** unless you are adding claims by box 2 Amendment in which case cover this with PAT-120.

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